

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on Monday, February 13, 2006. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Meixner and Nies, Treasurer Aderman, and Deputy Clerk Hanus.

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of the vouchers from January, there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to pay them. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Hanus read the minutes of the January 9, 2006 regular monthly meeting. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

An application for a three year renewal to conditional use permit number 00-003 from Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. was presented to the board. Discussion followed. There was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve with conditions as recommended by the Planning Committee. Motion carried. Planning Committee recommendation to approve with conditions is on file with finding of fact.

An application for a conditional use permit to remove top soil in part after the fact from Kenneth W. LaCoy was presented to the board. Discussion followed. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried. Planning Committee recommendation to approve is on file with finding of fact.

An application for an F-1 building permit from Stephen Wiggins was presented to the board. Discussion followed. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to approve with conditions. Motion carried. Planning Committee recommendation to approve with conditions is on file with finding of fact.

A revised Public Nuisance Ordinance was presented to the board. Discussion followed. Supervisor Meixner expressed concern that the ordinance does not pertain to all areas of development within the town (e.g.: machine sheds vs. houses.) The intent of the ordinance, Section 5 (K) (3) is to apply to residential properties and exclude agricultural properties. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to adopt the Public Nuisance Ordinance with the deletion of Section 4 (L) (3) and to clarify Section 5 (K) (3) as above. Motion carried.

The Town's Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Sanders suggested broadening the plan to keep diversity within the town, and to amend the plan to include affordable housing (other than mobile homes.) Meixner suggested the need for smaller lots (less than 5 acres, where appropriate) to keep costs affordable. Sanders suggested improving upon the county's subdivision ordinance to provide affordable options for town residents. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to add "affordable housing" to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to appoint Mark Olson as an alternate to the Planning Committee. Motion carried. Sanders reported he offered a position on the Planning Committee to Al DePew. Mr. DePew will consider the appointment and respond shortly.

Bid requests for improvements at Grindstone Shallows were presented to the Board. Discussion followed. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to authorize publication of bids. Motion carried.

Chairman Sanders reports he and Chris Headley are working on bid requests for a new tanker truck for the fire department. Sanders has discussed with the USDA the possibility of a grant to purchase the new equipment. Per Sanders, pre-application indicates the town would be eligible for a grant of up to \$50,000.00. The balance would be borrowed at the rate of 4 ½% interest. Sanders reports rumors of resignations from the fire department are indeed rumors. Justin and Adam Hall were elected to membership at last Monday's business meeting. Ballots for election of officers will be mailed out prior to the March meeting. Ken Shuey requested not to be considered for fire chief.

Excavation permits from CenturyTel were presented to the Board. Larry Froemel approved both permits with the conditions that Kidd's Road would have to be bored and the asphalt could not be cut. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the permits with conditions. Motion carried. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to allow Larry Froemel to approve future excavation requests from CenturyTel as needed. Motion carried.

Chairman Sanders reported correspondence from Enbridge Pipeline expressing interest in expanding their fuel pipeline from Canada to southern Wisconsin.

The Treasurer reported that as of January 31, 2006 the town had \$1,858,266.14 in all of their accounts, and that both she and the Deputy Clerk had balanced for the month. Treasurer Aderman reported tax payments came in faster this year than last year, and to date, over 62% of taxes from the tax rolls had been collected. A new format for presenting the vouchers and Treasurer's account summary was presented to the Board with their approval. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The Deputy Clerk reported that current election worker's wages were below average. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to increase election worker's wages from \$6.50 per hour to \$8.00 per hour retroactive to November, 2005. Motion carried. The Deputy Clerk requested ongoing prior approval to pay the town's assessor, Johnson Bank (Park & Heavy Equipment notes), payroll and all related payments, postmaster, cleaning of the Town Hall, and all utilities. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to approve. Motion carried.

Chairman Sanders reported he and attorney Ward Winton met with the owners of Williams Resort regarding the nuisance complaint. As per the owners, a portion of the building will be demolished and a portion will be restored by June 1, 2006. If the project is not completed by June 1, the Board will revisit the issue at that time.

There was nothing to report on Legal Counsel Update.

Chairman Sanders recognized Shirley Miller and the wonderful job she did as Clerk for many years. He commended her commitment and dedication to the town through her final days. She will be dearly missed!

Chairman Sanders reported a request for First Responder compensation from Eric with the LCO Fire Department. Discussion followed. Sanders suggested creating an auxiliary of First Responders for the Town. New laws for First Responders will take effect 6/1/06 and will require refresher classes for those interested. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to table the First Responder Compensation Request. Motion carried.

Heather Prois presented information to the Board regarding the Hayward Inline Marathon scheduled for August 12, 2006. The race will not require any road closings in the Town of Bass Lake. Ms. Prois will distribute informational leaflets to residents along the race course in advance of the race. She will also contact the Town in advance regarding signage and provide proof of insurance. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to accept the proposal of the Hayward Inline Marathon. Motion carried.

A Water Exhibition Permit from Tom Burgess of the Lac Courte Oreilles Sailing Club was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. The Board may request a date change for the race on a holiday weekend if there is a conflict. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to approve the permit. Motion carried.

There was a request to put a metal & white goods collection at the landfill on next month's agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. Motion carried.